

Department of Veterans Affairs
CARES Commission
Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

Hearing on VISN 5 Markets
August 12, 2003
Marriott (Waterfront Hotel), Baltimore, Maryland
9:00 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. Charles Battaglia, Hearing Chair
Dr. Joseph Binard
Mr. Ray Boland
Mr. Chad Colley
Ms. Vernice Ferguson
Dr. Richard McCormick
Mr. Robert Ray
Sister Patricia Vandenberg
Ms. Jo Ann Webb
Maj. Gen. Michael Wyrick, USAF (Ret.)
Mr. Al Zamberlan

Witnesses submitted written comments prior to the hearing in accordance with procedures for a public hearing. Questions for panelists will be limited to Commissioners.

Interested individuals are welcome to submit written comments on issues raised during the hearing for ten days after the hearing. In addition, comments may be submitted on the draft national plan during the sixty-day period after publication in the Federal Register.

Comments on issues raised during the hearing or the draft plan may be submitted on the web site at www.carescommission@va.gov or to:

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[Marked "Comments"]
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BALTIMORE HEARING (VISN 5)
FINAL WITNESS LIST

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE –
OPENING REMARKS – COMMISSIONER BATTAGLIA
9:00 am

PANEL #1

Dr. James Nocks, Network Director, VISN 5, accompanied by:
Mr. Michael Stout, VISN Operations Officer
Mr. Dennis Smith, Medical Center Director, Maryland Health Care System
Mr. Sanford Garfunkel, Medical Center Director, Washington DC
Mr. George M. Moore, Medical Center Director, Martinsburg, WV
Dr. Stephen I. Deutsch, Director of Mental Health Service Line

PANEL #2

Mr. William Self, Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mr. Richard Meade, Paralyzed Veterans of America
Mr. Paul Stecklein, NSO Supervisor, Disabled American Veterans
Mr. Rob Coughlin, Vietnam Veterans of America
~~Mr. Kerwin Miller, Director of Office of Veterans Affairs from the District of Columbia in the~~
~~Mayor's Office~~ *(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)*
Mr. Lance Sweigart, The American Legion
Mr. James W. Doran, AMVETS *(Unable to attend, written statement provided)*

PANEL #3

Ms. Susan Anderson, President, National Association of Government Employees
Ms. Sandra Flowers, AFGE Local 1923 *(No written statement provided)*
~~Ms. Sandra McMeans, President of West Virginia Nurses Association~~
(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)
~~Mr. John Albanese, Staff Nurses' Association, (PSNA) Local 1998~~
(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)

PANEL #4

~~Mr. Robert Malson, President, DC Hospital Association~~
(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)
Ms. Mary A. Dix, Vice President for Administration and Management, Uniformed Services
University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

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PANEL #4 (Continued)

LTCOL John Bulick, CARES POC for AF Surgeon General *(No written statement provided)*

~~CAPT. Kathy Beasley, USN, National Naval Medical Center~~

(Unable to attend, no written statement provided)

LTCOL. Christopher Castle, USA, Chief Program Integration for Army Surgeon General

(No written statement provided)

CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski